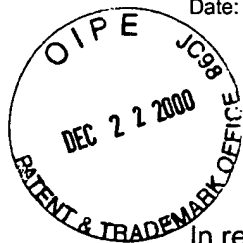


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PATENT #59
Docket No. GCX329-US3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Johannes C. van der Laan et al.)

Serial No. 08/565,673)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated June 27, 2000:

one month to _____; the extension fee is \$110.00.

two months to _____; the extension fee is \$390.00.

three months to December 27, 2000; the extension fee is \$890.00.

four months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,390.00.

five months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,890.00.

The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated _____.

[X] Charge \$ 890.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC329-US3). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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